



# City Administrator's Report

February 2003

## Key meetings/conferences:

February 4, 11, 25 Council meetings

## Community Events and Holidays:

February	1 - 14	Flags on State Street for Black History Month
February	14 - 28	Flags on State Street for the Red Cross
February	28 - March 11	Flags on State Street for International Film Festival
February	17	President's Day Holiday - City Hall closed
February	1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25	Downtown Santa Barbara Farmers Market
February	2, 9, 15, 16, 23	Arts and Crafts Show - Cabrillo Boulevard
February	28 - March 9	Santa Barbara International Film Festival

## Budget Calendar:

February	3 - 20	City Administrator meetings with departments Re: FY 04 - 05 budget
February	28	"Budget Friday" final balancing/budget decisions

## **City Administrator**

### State budget update

Regrettably, on Tuesday, February 4, Governor Davis vetoed AB4X, - the legislation sponsored by Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson to restore the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) to 1998 levels. Both the Assembly and Senate had passed the legislation on partisan lines. Our thanks to Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson who voted in support of AB4X. The Governor's veto leaves over \$4 billion of critical local government revenue at risk during the continuing State budget process. In addition to the VLF restoration, AB4X also contained over \$3 billion in State spending cuts. For our City, the veto means that almost \$4 million of unrestricted General Fund VLF revenue is still very much at risk. With the Governor's veto, the VLF issue will now become part of the larger State budget issue and may not be settled until a State budget is adopted sometime this summer. Besides the potential \$4 million loss of VLF funds, the Governor's proposed budget includes the loss of an additional \$375,000 in General Fund Library and Police funding, bringing the total funds at risk to almost \$4.4 million – or more than 5% of the total General Fund budget. The Governor's proposed budget continues the State's long tradition of resolving State budget problems on the backs of local government.

### City budget update

The City's budget process continues to move towards release of a proposed one-year budget in early April. Departments have submitted their proposed budgets for consideration and review. During the first three weeks of this month, the City Administrator and budget staff are meeting with each department to review their proposed budgets and work plans for FY 2004, which begins on July 1, 2003.

The proposed departmental budgets do not reflect potential revenue losses arising from the State budget situation. However, in light of the potential loss of approximately \$4.4 million of General Fund revenue to State budget actions (see State Budget Update above), departments have been asked to develop contingency plans to deal with the potential impacts. Implementation of contingency plan options will depend on the impact the State budget decisions may have on the City. These impacts will not be known until the State adopts its budget, which may not be until late August or September.

Besides asking Departments to develop contingency plans, we have implemented a hiring freeze. In addition to saving money immediately, the hiring freeze will provide flexibility should workforce reductions become necessary. As always, it is the City's goal to avoid layoffs and achieve any required workforce reductions through attrition. By implementing a hiring freeze, vacancies are created and maintained, allowing maximum flexibility in working to avoid layoffs.

In summary, staff continues to work diligently on budget issues. As required by the City Charter, the Council will adopt a budget by June 30 but the final outcome for the next fiscal year will not be known until the State adopts its budget.

### **Budget meetings with employee groups**

The City Administrator is meeting with employee groups to discuss the City's budget and related issues. Meetings have been held with Police, Fire, and SEIU employee groups. A meeting with the Supervisors is scheduled for later this month.

### **Advisory Group meeting dates and locations**

A request was made by one of our readers that we list the dates and locations of the Advisory committee meetings. Since the list is too lengthy for this report, we have put the information at the City's web site. You can view this information at [ci.santa-barbara.ca.us](http://ci.santa-barbara.ca.us). Under departments, select Administrative Services, City Clerk, Advisory, General Information, and Advisory Group Meeting Information.

### **P<sup>3</sup> (Paradise Performance Program) update**

In January, department Program Owners in the performance management program, submitted quarterly reports on program activities from October to December 2002. Based on information gathered through these months, Program Owners developed and submitted program objectives and performance measures for the FY 04 budget. Budget meetings are being held through February with the City Administrator to discuss the FY 04 proposed budget, service changes, and objectives and performance measures for each program.

The purpose of P<sup>3</sup> is to measure how City resources are used to provide services, focus improvement efforts to meet program objectives, and develop a culture of constant improvement to deliver cost-effective, quality services to the public.

### **City TV**

#### **Inside Santa Barbara**

The February episode of *Inside Santa Barbara* begins with a look at Cottage Hospital's Seismic Improvement Plan. Next, find out how to protect yourself and your property from theft. Then learn about pervious paving and how it benefits drainage and creek water quality. Also this

month, we'll see what the Parks and Recreation Department is doing at the Shoreline Park children's playground. And finally, find out what Santa Barbara teens are doing to combat teen alcohol and drug abuse.

This edition of Inside Santa Barbara will premiere on Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 p.m. on CITY-TV, Channel 18. It is replayed each week on Monday at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 p.m., and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. A new episode airs the beginning of each month.

### **Nuestra Ciudad**

In the February episode, host Gerardo Lorenz discusses the Housing Authority's Casa de las Fuentes project with the on-site manager Mirna Ramos. This episode of Nuestra Ciudad will premiere February 22. The show airs each month on the first and third Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., Sundays at 8:00 p.m., and Mondays at 9:00 p.m.

## **Administrative Services**

### ***Information Systems***

#### **e-junk mail filters**

Are you being inundated with unsolicited e-mail? Many City mailboxes are. This month, Information Systems will implement a new service that quarantines such unsolicited messages. Most e-junk mail is commercial advertising, often for dubious products, get-rich-quick schemes, or quasi-legal services. When left un-checked, unsolicited e-mail can result in network congestion, inefficient use of computing resources, and overburdened e-mail servers.

With this service, inbound Internet e-mail will be routed through filters that prevent unwanted e-mail from entering the City's network. Each City e-mail user will be issued an account that allows the e-mail user to adjust the filters to meet their specific needs, including reviewing quarantined e-mails.

### ***Human Resources***

#### **Current Job Openings**

##### **Open Recruitments**

Office Specialist II	Continuous
Senior Office Specialist	Continuous
Adult Literacy Coordinator	On hold pending approval
Facilities & Registration Services Coordinator	On hold pending approval
Code Enforcement Officer	Certified to dept; on hold pending approval
Project Engineer II	Certified to dept, on hold pending approval
Senior Control Systems Operator Specialist	On hold pending approval
Laboratory Analyst II	On hold pending approval

**Promotional Recruitments**

Senior Wastewater Collection System Operator	On hold pending approval
Senior Water Distribution Operator	On hold pending approval
Water Treatment Chief Operator	On hold pending approval
Maintenance Supervisor I	Approved; list certified to dept.

**Airport****Passenger count increased in 2002**

More than 728,000 passengers arrived and departed at the Santa Barbara Airport last year, representing a 0.4% increase over 2001. While the percentage is slight, it is significant considering seat capacity was reduced when United replaced their 100+ seat jets with 30-50 seat aircraft. Additionally, the number of air carrier flights at SBA has fluctuated in recent years. There were 47 daily departures in January 2001, 34 daily departures in January 2002, and 42 daily departures at the beginning of this year. SBA passenger traffic is expected to increase in 2003 as the airlines continue to replace remaining turbo-props with regional jets and when the economy rebounds. Airline Terminal income from commercial airline passenger activity represents approximately 45% of the Airport revenues.

**Design for airfield lighting system improvement underway**

URS Corporation was awarded a \$260,000 contract to redesign the existing airfield lighting system electrical vault. URS will prepare plans and specifications for the construction phase. The design phase will be completed by summer with construction to follow in the fall. The lighting system improvements expand airfield electrical capabilities and enhance lighting function and efficiency.

**Firestone Road drainage improvements in design phase**

Firestone Road provides the north access to Airport property and runs parallel to Hollister Avenue. Airport Administration, the FAA Control Tower, City Fire Station 8, and dozens of Airport tenants are located along this two-mile stretch of road between Fairview and Los Carneros. A drainage swale along the portion of Firestone Road situated off the end of the parallel runways lacks enough capacity during heavy rainfall. Additionally, the existing culvert at the west end of Firestone Road will be replaced. URS Corporation was awarded a \$144,000 design contract to survey for a base map, analyze hydraulics and sediment transport, provide a geotechnical report, and provide plans and specifications for use in the construction phase of the project. This comprehensive design work is expected to be completed this summer.

**Las Vegas Creek restoration includes environmental enhancements**

A \$127,000 contract with URS Corporation will provide for design services to improve the hydraulic performance of Las Vegas Creek on Airport property. Aesthetics of the creek and environmental enhancements are also part of the project. This design project is scheduled to be completed by this summer.

## **Community Development**

### **Busy month for Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission will review a number of key projects this month.

On February 6, the Planning Commission approved a Coastal Development Permit for the proposal to narrow Shoreline Drive between Loma Alta and La Marina Drives. The automobile lanes closest to the bluff will be turned into a Class 1 bike path, a wider pedestrian path and new landscaping. All of the auto traffic will be in the two lanes farthest from the ocean, along with an eastbound Class 2 bike lane. This project will improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the coast and will also involve a small expansion of Shoreline Park. The project is fully funded from a number of sources, including CREF funding, a State Coastal Conservancy Grant, a Federal Transportation Enhancement grant, and some City matching funds.

On February 13, the Planning Commission will review a revised project for 1420-1430 Laguna Street. The revisions are in response to concerns raised by the Commission and area neighbors. The revised project is now a twelve unit project, including keeping two of the existing bungalows on Laguna Street. The 1436 Laguna Street parcel is no longer part of the project. The height has been reduced and the architecture modified to reduce neighborhood impacts. This project has raised concerns about neighborhood compatibility and has spurred the creation of a group to protect the neighborhood's historic bungalows.

And finally, on February 20, the Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting with the Architectural Board of Review from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the David Gebhard Meeting Room to review the proposed Lee Annexation. This 45-acre annexation is proposed along Las Positas Road north of Alan Road and involves construction of 25 units, including four affordable units. The property has a number of constraints, including biological resources, views, steep slopes, geology, and access. The applicant and staff are looking for comments on the project before completing the application and starting environmental review.

### **RDA receives suggestion for neighborhood improvements**

In November, the Redevelopment Agency held two public meetings to solicit ideas from West Downtown neighborhood residents and businesses on desired infrastructure improvements. Staff has tabulated the results. Overall, safety and livability were primary concerns. Improved lighting, with an emphasis on a historic gas lamp district design, and improvements to sidewalks, parkways, and crosswalks topped the list of responses. Increasing open space and parks was the next priority and was followed by a desire for more trash cans and mutt mitt stations, among others. Suggestions that fell outside of the Agency's scope were forwarded to the appropriate City departments.

Agency staff will present various recommendations for inclusion in future budget cycles as stand-alone capital projects or components of larger projects. For more information, contact Marck Aguilar, Redevelopment Specialist.

**Redevelopment Agency starts process for Chapala Corridor Streetscape Design Guidelines**

Realizing the underutilization of parcels throughout the Chapala Street corridor, the development community has turned their attention to Chapala Street, south of Carrillo Street. As a result, numerous private developments are being proposed, designed, or constructed without the benefit of a cohesive streetscape theme for the Chapala Street corridor.

To address the lack of a cohesive design theme in the Chapala Street corridor, Agency staff is initiating a process to develop Streetscape Design Guidelines for the Chapala Street corridor from the 101 Freeway to the Carrillo Street intersection. The product will be informal guidelines, similar to the State Street Landscaping Guidelines, that will assist local developers, business owners, merchants, and design review boards in improving street frontages along the Chapala Street corridor. The guidelines will include text and corresponding renderings of the desired design theme for the area. The text and renderings will be based on the input gathered from neighbors, property owners, merchants, and others who participate in the community meetings later this year. Input from the appropriate design review boards, and the creative energy of the selected design professionals will also be sought.

The formal process of developing the guidelines is estimated to last approximately six months after a design consultant is selected. For more information, contact Lou Lazarine, Redevelopment Specialist at 564-5461.

**Release of Draft Creek Development Policies scheduled**

The City of Santa Barbara is creating new creek development standards as a part of its overall Creeks Restoration/Water Quality Improvement Program. Creek development standards include required setbacks for buildings, structures, and uses, restrictions on the use of the setback area, and other restoration and water quality improvement measures. A Draft Creek Development Standards (CDS) Report should be available for public review later this month.

Following the release of the Draft Report, a public work session will be held in late February or early March to discuss creek conditions and the proposed recommendations. Following the work session, the Draft Report will be presented to the Creek and Water Quality Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission for consideration. The standards are subject to City Council approval. The process will include an opportunity for public comment and input by City boards and commissions. For more information, contact Debra Andaloro, Project Planner at 564-5470.

**Sphere of Influence proposal for eastern Goleta submitted to LAFCO**

The Committee for One, made up of representatives of the unincorporated eastern Goleta/western Santa Barbara area, submitted a request to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to amend the City of Santa Barbara's Sphere of Influence to include eastern Goleta. The LAFCO Board will receive an informational presentation regarding the proposal at their February meeting. A Sphere of Influence, which represents the logical boundaries of a city, is adopted by LAFCO for each City. Recent State Legislation, however, requires that LAFCO perform a municipal service review of the area before amending a city's Sphere of Influence. LAFCO will start such reviews for the South Coast later this spring. The proposed Sphere of Influence will be discussed and considered after the analysis is completed. For more information, contact Paul Casey, Community Development Director at 564-5503.

## Finance

### Update on Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)

The December TOT collected in January was down approximately 1.8% from the prior fiscal year. This is the first month this fiscal year with a year-over-year decline. But, the good news is that the 3.2% year-to-date growth is still above our 2% budgeted growth rate. In addition, revenues remain well below FY 2001 levels.

	FY 2001	Incr/(Decr) FY00-FY01	FY 2002	Incr/(Decr) FY01-FY02	FY 2003	Incr/(Decr) FY02-FY03
July	\$1,204,593	11.3%	\$1,171,041	-2.8%	\$1,183,951	1.1%
Aug	\$1,246,973	7.9%	\$1,276,212	2.3%	\$1,328,278	4.1%
Sept	\$952,314	14.1%	\$808,657	-15.1%	\$849,174	5.0%
Oct	\$839,946	3.7%	\$790,919	-5.8%	\$830,054	4.9%
Nov	\$691,398	13.2%	\$653,829	-5.4%	\$684,776	4.7%
Dec	\$594,145	16.2%	\$539,598	-9.2%	\$529,694	-1.8%
YTD Totals	\$5,529,369	10.5%	\$5,240,256	-5.2%	\$5,405,927	3.2%

### Quarterly Investment Management Review

On January 28, the Council received the City's quarterly investment management review for the fourth quarter of 2002.

As of December 31, 2002, the City's portfolio maintained an average credit quality of "AA" as rated by Standard & Poor's. This is an excellent rating. For calendar year 2002, the City's portfolio realized a total rate of return of 4.60%. Given the current interest rate environment, the return on the City's portfolio is expected to continue to decline during the next several quarters.

Each quarter, Public Financial Management, Inc. (PFM) provides the Council with an independent review and analysis of the City's investment portfolio. PFM's independent review serves to assure the Council that the City's investments are secure and that they are in compliance with the California Government Code and the City's Statement of Investment Policy.

### Community Media Access Center Opens for Business

The Community Media Access Center (CMAC) opened for business on January 1. CMAC is the new non-profit entity established to manage and operate community access television on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. CMAC was established under the provisions of the City and County franchise agreements with Cox Communications. Finance staff, along with staff from the County and public access representatives, worked for over a year to establish the new non-profit and manage the transition from Cox Communications to CMAC.

## Fire

### Joint agency meeting

The management teams from the City and County Fire Departments met this month to discuss how to capitalize on the industry-wide enhancements that have evolved over the past five years. Outstanding achievements in operational mutual aid efforts, technology, grant acquisition, wildland fuel modification, fire prevention, and investigation were singled out.

The group agreed that the ability to ask for and receive large amounts of personnel and equipment in a relatively short period of time is a major accomplishment. The most recent example took place this past month as a brush fire broke out in the Malibu region of the south coast, where in a matter of hours a request for 25 Type II strike teams was filled. This request amounts to 125 engines, 25 Battalion Chiefs and nearly 500 Firefighters. This is obviously a powerful tool and is just one example of what can be accomplished by utilizing the State's collective resources.

Locally, we can enhance service levels to the community by cross-training and using available resources that are not limited by political boundaries and philosophies in the following areas:

- Urban search and rescue (collapsed buildings)
- Water rescue (ocean, lakes, rivers)
- Hazardous materials (chemical-biological-radiological releases)
- Share operational area management (Battalion Chiefs when possible)
- Share Fire Investigators
- Continue to discuss the concept of Police, Fire, EMS combined dispatch center.

### **Firefighter certification**

The Fire Department is revising program guidelines to ensure City Firefighters are current with certification requirements. There are 29 separate certifications for each of our 96 Firefighters and 8 Fire Inspectors. In addition, 629 Standard Operating Procedures require ongoing monitoring and maintenance.

## **Library**

### **"The Invisible Web" - classes offered**

With increased interest generated by Library classes on using the catalog and on basic Internet searching, Library staff are now offering a third series of classes, this one on "The Invisible Web," which helps members of the public uncover hidden content that isn't easily findable using search engines or from basic searches using online data bases. "The Invisible Web" classes are being held at the Central and branch libraries each month.

### **Free paperback books for elementary schools**

The Santa Barbara Public Library System is distributing free paperback books to local elementary schools. In partnership with the Reading Is Fundamental Foundation, the Library provides free books three times per year to each second- and third-grade student at Franklin, Cleveland, Washington, Aliso, Canalino, Carpinteria Main, and Isla Vista schools. For the students, many of whom do not own books, selection is an important and time-consuming decision, and staff receives many thank-you notes after the school visit. By the end of the 2002-03 school year, over 3,300 books will have been given to young readers.

### **New theft deterrent system installed**

Funding from the Friends of the Eastside Library and Friends of the Santa Barbara Library paid for the purchase of a book detection system. The theft deterrent system has been installed at the doors of the Eastside Branch and collection materials now have detection strips inside. This system made by the 3M company is much like those already in use at the Central and Goleta



Branch libraries and was funded by the Friends of the Library groups to help reduce or eliminate significant loss of materials, particularly items from the videotape, audiotape, and compact disc collections.

### **\$35,000 grant for new science and environmental materials**

In support of the Jason Project, the Santa Barbara Public Library applied for a grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation and received \$35,000 to purchase new science, marine life, oceanography, and environmental issues materials. The materials have been received, and with the assistance of Library staff, are now being used for research by student participants in the Jason Project. A January exhibit at the Central Library, showcased the Jason Project.

## **Parks and Recreation**

### **Ribbon cutting for Harding Recreation Center renovation**

The Mayor and City Officials celebrated the renovation of the Harding Elementary School Recreation Center on January 30. Besides new paint, the renovation includes a new kitchen, roof, floor, and windows. This facility is used for a school-based youth tutorial and recreation program, "After-School Opportunities for Kids" (A-OK!) and summer drop-in recreation. The facility is leased by the City of Santa Barbara from the Santa Barbara School District. The office for the Harding Elementary School Healthy Start Family Advocate is also located in the facility.

### **Russ Hargreaves Award**

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting nominations for the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table Russ Hargreaves Memorial Award for Recreational Achievement. Russ Hargreaves served as a Recreation Supervisor with the Santa Barbara Recreation Department from 1958 to 1976. The purpose of the award is to annually honor an individual, whether paid or volunteer, who has devoted considerable personal time and effort in conducting a public recreational sports program in the Santa Barbara area. Nomination applications and eligibility criteria may be received by contacting Sarah Clayton, Recreation Programs Manager at [sclayton@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:sclayton@ci.santa-barbara.ca.us). The deadline for nomination is February 28, 2003.

### **Department hosts CPRS District VIII Awards Banquet**

The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the California Parks and Recreation (CPRS) District VIII Awards Banquet at the Cabrillo Pavilion Arts Center on January 17, 2003. The banquet was attended by approximately 80 parks and recreation professionals from Paso Robles to Thousand Oaks. Santa Barbara's Parks and Recreation Department received awards for the Concerts in the Park 2002 brochure and poster (Outstanding Publicity Piece) and the 100 Years of City Parks Centennial (Outstanding Public Program). Ginny Brush, City Visual Arts Coordinator, received the Community Service Award for curating the 100 Years of City Parks historical art exhibit. In addition, the statewide CPRS awarded this department with Achievement Awards for the 100 Years of City Parks exhibit catalog and the Parks Centennial poster. The Sensory Garden at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden won the CPRS Achievement Award for Facility Design and Park Planning for cities with a population from 50,000-100,000.

### **Adapted Recreation Program audit**

The audit of the Adapted Recreation Program, focusing on programs, participation, future needs, and financial resources has been completed. The three-year process includes input

from participants, the public at large, and staff. The final report, with comments and recommendations from the Park and Recreation Commission, the Adapted Advisory Committee, and staff, will be presented to City Council this month. Recommendations focus on the scope and service, delivery of programs, priorities for current funding, and preferred alternatives to increase funding and resources.

### **Franklin Center expansion deferred**

The County Health Department has indefinitely deferred the \$3 million expansion of the County Health Clinic housed at the Franklin Community Center due to the State budget crisis. City improvements planned as part of the expansion will also be deferred. It is anticipated that the project will be reconsidered when the economic situation changes, as both the City and County support the need to provide greater access to health care at that location.

## **Police**

### **Downtown Organization honors Police Officers with "Citizen of the Year" award**

At their annual luncheon in January, the Downtown Organization honored our Police Department with the "Citizen of the Year" award. This is only the second time in the history of this organization that a group rather than an individual received this award. The members of the Downtown Organization praised the police department for our efforts to educate merchants about shoplifting, deal with chronic transient and alcohol use problems, parking issues and other problems that impact the downtown corridor. This award was presented to the Officers of the Downtown Corridor but it does reflect the hard work and dedication of the entire department.

### **Would you like a suspect with your coffee?**

On the afternoon of January 22, Officer Noel Rivas investigated a robbery at the La Cumbre Mall, in which the suspect fled the area. The afternoon turned into night and just after midnight, Officer Rivas and Sergeant Mitch Jan met at the 7-11 store at Montecito and Castillo Streets for a cup of coffee. The unaware robbery suspect followed shortly after to quench his thirst. The suspect was arrested before he could purchase his Slurpee. He was booked at jail for robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, and a parole violation.

### **Suspicious mail shuts down State building**

On January 13, at approximately 1:23 p.m., Officer Tyler Larson and Officer Dan McGrew responded to the State Building at 411 East Canon Perdido Street for a suspicious package call. Officer Larson ordered an evacuation of the building and requested the Bomb Squad and the Hazardous Materials Team to respond. The Bomb Squad confirmed there were no explosives in the package and then the Haz-mat team secured the package. The package was removed from the location by the Bomb Squad and given to the FBI for processing. The package had nothing hazardous inside but it was wrapped in such a way that it met the criteria for a dangerous parcel.

### **Girl Scout Safety Talk**

On January 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Officers Anita Chamberlain and Andy Hill assisted with the Greater Girl Scout Council's Annual Cookie Kickoff at the Santa Barbara Zoo. Approximately 1500 Girl Scouts (age kindergarten to high school) came from as far away as San Luis Obispo and Simi Valley. Anita and Andy spoke to every troop in attendance regarding personal safety. After observing the role-playing examples, the girls were quizzed by Officers

on their personal safety and their knowledge of Power Puff Girl Trivia. A great time was had by all!

## **Public Works**

### **Water Well Pumping Scheduled**

Water Resources will pump and test downtown area groundwater wells starting February 17 through mid-March. The pumping is part of a program to rehabilitate the groundwater wells, gather water quality information, and measure the storage capacity of the groundwater aquifer in the downtown area. There are five groundwater production wells located between Alameda Park, City Hall, and Ortega Park. Each well is drilled to over 500 feet deep, with some as deep as 700 feet. Water production from the wells ranges from 300 to 700 gallons per minute. Water pumped during the test period will flow into the storm drain and eventually out to the ocean via the Laguna Channel. Data gathered during the testing will provide valuable information for the upcoming rehabilitation of the Ortega Groundwater Treatment Plant and the health of our groundwater supply aquifer. For more information, contact Rebecca Bjork, Water Resources Supervisor, at 897-1914.

### **Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP)**

With the educational and promotional components of the pilot project winding down, staff is looking forward to the traffic calming workshops. On February 3 and 4, Dan Burden conducted a traffic calming and walkable communities workshop for City Staff. He will return March 14-16 to assist neighborhoods to develop Neighborhood Area Mobility Plans. Questions about the NTMP can be directed to Dru van Hengel, Mobility Coordinator, at 564-5544.

## **Waterfront**

### **2003 Wharf Annual Maintenance and Repair Project – Pile Driving**

The City contracted with Shock–Hanley Construction, Inc. to perform the annual maintenance and repair on Stearns Wharf. The contractor starts the week of February 3 with the replacement of seven piles on the seaward finger occurring during daytime hours. Work will continue with night pile driving on or near February 10 and last through the first week of March. As in the past, a portion of the work is done at night to minimize disruption of Stearns Wharf tenants. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2003.

The 2003 Wharf Annual Maintenance and Repair Project has been designed to maintain public safety and extend the wharf's longevity. Along with the replacement of nearly 840 linear feet of handrail, Shock–Hanley Construction will replace fourteen 65-foot piles, 44 stringers, 115 deck-boards, and a total of approximately 270 linear feet of pile caps and corbels.

We urge you to contact us with your comments and suggestions.

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